

Attorney Docket No. 1468 (06-62)

REMARKS

A first preliminary amendment, which was filed with the application, canceled original claims 1-7 and added new claims 8-20. Claims 8-11 correspond to original claims 1-4. Claims 12 and 13 correspond to original claim 5. Claims 14-16 correspond to original claim 6. Claims 17-19 correspond to original claim 7. Claim 20 includes limitations of original claims 1-5. No new matter was added.

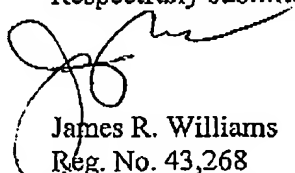
The first preliminary amendment failed to indicate the status of new claims 8-20. The status of each claim is now provided. Also, claims 18 and 19 have been amended to depend from claim 17, which includes the first reference to cracking a carbonaceous material.

Applicants believe the amended specification and claims conform to standard U.S. practice and are now in condition for allowance. Applicants request consideration and allowance of pending claims 8-20.

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